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WARNING LETTER

Marvin Vreugdenhil
Owner
Hillview Dairy LLC
4938 Hillview Road
Sumas, Washington 98295

Re: February 24, 2011, NPDES Compliance Inspection
NPDES Identifier Number WAU000537

Dear Mr. Vreugdenhil:

On February 24, 2011, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) inspected your facility to evaluate its compliance with the Clean Water Act (CWA). I would like to express my appreciation for your staff's time and cooperation during the inspection. At the time of inspection, the EPA inspector observed the following areas of concern:

A. Above Ground Diesel Tank

The inspector noted a 10,000 gallon above ground diesel tank propped on tires near the second barn. There was no secondary containment, and there was a clear potential spill pathway to an unnamed creek that connects to Saar Creek.

B. Runoff from concrete pad

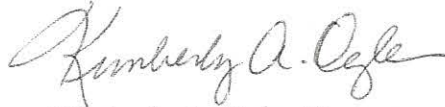
During the inspection, the inspector noted that the concrete pad of the secondary barn was sloped such that any water from the feeding area could runoff and flow to the unnamed ditch.

At the time of inspection, the inspector did not observe a discharge. If diesel fuel were to enter the unnamed creek that connects to Saar Creek, your facility would be in violation of the CWA and could receive penalties of up to \$16,000 per day per violation.

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Although our goal is to ensure facilities comply fully with the CWA, the ultimate responsibility rests with the facility. As such, I strongly encourage your company to continue its efforts to maintain full knowledge of the CWA and to take appropriate measures to ensure full compliance. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call Steven Potokar, CAFO Enforcement Coordinator, at (206) 553-6354 or Kate Spaulding, SPCC Enforcement Coordinator, at (206) 553-5429.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kimberly A. Ogle".

Kimberly A. Ogle, Manager
NPDES Compliance Unit

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